#### **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

#### 2023/24 PLACE-BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

# REPORT BY ALISON SMITH, DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

#### **ABSTRACT**

This report seeks approval of the applications recommended for approval, listed in Appendix 2 through the 2023/24 Scottish Government Capital Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) and UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

## 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Approves the projects recommended by the Angus Council officer panel for use of the balance of the 2023/24 Scottish Government Place-Based Investment allocation of £400,000 after allowing for the commitment already approved per paragraph 3.5 below;
- (ii) Approves the allocation of £220,000 of the 2024/25 Place-Based Investment Fund to allow the recommended projects to be proceed;
- (iii) Approves an allocation of £143,540 of UK Shared Prosperity funding towards the Angus Alive Signal Tower project;
- (iv) Approves a match of £200,000 of the UK Shared Prosperity funding towards the Arbroath Community Centre project; and
- (v) Delegates authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth to approve any necessary emergency decisions for funding from the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme for the remainder of the fund following consultation with the Convener of Communities.

#### 2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This report contributes to the following priorities in the Angus Council Plan:

## **Caring for our Place**

- Engage with communities to support their ambitions to deliver on local aspirations (e.g. Community asset transfer requests, community gardens, food hubs)
- Maximise funding opportunities and grants to the Third Sector and communities to support their ambitions to deliver services

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 2020-21 Scottish Government Programme for Government announced the creation of a Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) with £275million of funding to support place-based working. The PBIP aims to ensure that all place-based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities and accelerate ambitions for place-making, 20-minute neighbourhoods, town centre revitalisation, community-led regeneration, inclusive growth, local resilience, community wealth building and should work towards Net Zero targets.
- 3.2 The PBIP is a 5-year financial commitment of capital funding from the Scottish Government. The following shows the commitment and spend to date and the future allocations:

Date	Allocated/committed	Amount
2021/22	Spent	£720,000
2022/23	Committed	£624,000
2023/24	Subject to approval	£435,000
2024/25	Allocated	£435,000
2025/26	Allocated	£435,000

- 3.3 At its meeting of 10 March 2022 (Report No 107/22), Angus Council:
  - Agreed the process for the distribution of funds
  - Agreed the scoring criteria for the distribution of the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme 2021/2022
  - Delegated authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth to approve any necessary emergency decisions for funding from the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment Programme for the remainder of the fund following consultation with the Convenor of Communities Committee.
- 3.4 At its meeting of 16 August 2022, Report 193/22 Angus Council:

Agreed to approve the projects recommended by the Angus Council officer panel for the use of the Scottish Government Place-Based Investment allocation of £624,000 for 2022/23;

3.5 At its meeting of 22 June 2023 (Report No 191/23) Angus Council approved £35,000 to be committed to the Monifieth Community Hub from the 2023/24 PBIP, leaving a balance of £400,000 in the fund.

#### 4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The target outcomes for the Place-Based Investment Programme are:
  - Local Resilience: creating, in every place, relevant choices for better futures, with the capacity to continue to influence, adapt and benefit from these as things change.
  - Inclusive Growth: growing the right environment for local economic resilience, tackling inequality, creating opportunities for all, and distributing the benefits fairly.
  - Low Carbon: contributing towards a net-zero carbon Scotland and responding locally to the climate change emergency.
  - Community Wealth: reshaping local relationships and infrastructures to ensure local well-being and local benefits flow from the commercial, public, and social economies.
- 4.2 In addition to addressing a strategic risk at a local level and contributing to overarching national policy outcomes, the PBIP has three specific objectives:
  - Enable more partnering across sectors by establishing a network of anchor collaborations, each acting as a focus for local resilience, service reform, net-zero carbon, and community wealth building.
  - Retain and attract people and businesses to once vibrant places through supporting ambitious local change programmes which embed collective leadership across services and sectors and apply the Place Principle to use all assets.
  - Increase footfall, social interaction, and economic activity in our Town Centres by proactively clustering services and purpose in the right places and applying the Town Centre First Principle.
- 4.3 Consultation and engagement with community groups and Angus Council services were conducted through an expression of interest process launched in May 2023. This was undertaken to understand the aspirations of services, third-sector organisations and community groups. Projects that matched the fund's criteria and evidenced delivery within the tight timescales were invited to apply.

- 4.4 Thirteen applications were received, totalling £1,318,834.80 An internal panel of 3 officers from Planning, Economic Development, and Vibrant Communities assessed and scored the applications based on the set criteria. There was then a verification process by Senior Officers, which included in some cases seeking further information and to add value to the fund determining if other sources of funding were available. Combined scores and comments from the officer group and verifiers are provided in Appendix 2, and each project's summary detail can be reviewed in Appendix 3.
- All applications received were well planned, and most were ready for delivery; However some are suitable for other funding streams and not all projects can be supported from PBIF. The applications received have highlighted the support required for community-led projects. Angus Community Development Support project is underway in partnership with the Angus Rural Partnership to deliver workshops to the communities for Angus on relevant matters such as business planning, funding workshops, cashflow and community engagement. This will strengthen applications for future years.
- 4.6 The Vibrant Communities team, along with the council's Funding and Projects Officer, will also work with the applicants that are unsuccessful for the 2023/24 Place Based Investment Fund and will assist in developing the projects further, sourcing external funding or preparing the application for the 2024/25 round of the fund. Staff will also support successful applicants where projects require additional development and to source external funding where needed.
- 4.7 The Angus Investment Plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund set out an allocation of £336,000 under Intervention S1: Place Based Improvements, Regeneration and Town Centre Improvements and £189,000 under Intervention S4: Design and Management of the Built and Landscaped Environment for 2023/24 (Report 165/23 refers). Given the related nature of these interventions to the PBIP there is scope to allocate additional funding to suitable projects to ensure delivery within this financial year.
- 4.8 The scoring criteria agreed by Angus Council officers are as follows:

Criteria	Maximum Score per assessor
Impact	15
Deliverability within the timescales set	15
Sustainability	10
Place-based evidence of need	10
Leverage	5
Carbon reduction	5
Total	60

- 4.9 Members are therefore asked to approve the following:
  - Officer recommendations on the allocation of £400,000 from the 2023/24 PBIP
  - An allocation of £220,000 from the 2024/2025 PBIP fund which is known to be £435,000 leaving £215,000 for 2024/25
  - £143,540 from Intervention S4 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to the Angus Alive Signal Tower project given the better fit with the aims of that fund.
  - £200,000, as a match fund, from Intervention S1 of the UK Shared Prosperity funding towards the Arbroath Community Centre (in addition to the £243,000 from PBIF)
- 4.10 It is also recommended that members delegate authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth following consultation with Convenor of Communities Committee, to approve any necessary emergency changes or projects should monies become available due to approved projects being unable to proceed, or due to project underspends or decommitments, due to further capital becoming available to Local Authorities from the Scottish Government 2021/22 Place-Based Investment Programme.

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Whilst there are no direct financial implications as all proposals are contained within the allocated funding streams, there are indirect financial implications of officer time to support the preparation and/or delivery of projects and administration of the fund.

## 7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 1.

**NOTE:** The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

• The Scottish Government Grant Award Letter

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 2 – List of PBIP scored projects

Appendix 3 – Project summary sheets with officer recommendations.



Step1

Assessment.

Appendix 1

## Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

# Name of Proposal (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions): Place-Based Investment Programme (PBIP) Step 2 Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment (A) If Yes, please choose from the following options all reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required: (i)It does not impact on people No (ii)It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics No (iii) It is for information only No (iv)It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year No (v)It is technical No If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to Step 16, and sign off the Assessment. **(B)** If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following: Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment Yes Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment No If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a strategy please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty

# Step 3

(i)Lead Directorate/Service: Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth

(ii) Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

No

(iii)What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

To seek approval for the distribution of the Place Based Investment Fund

(iv)Is it a new proposal? Yes Please indicate OR

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function? No Please indicate

#### Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees No

Job Applicants No

Service users No

Members of the public Yes

# Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:

**Internal data** (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints). **N/A** 

Internal consultation (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

A full Expression of Interest engagement procedure was adopted with all front-facing services.

**External data** (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

N/A

**External consultation** (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils.

A full 'Expression of Interest' engagement procedure was adopted with community groups and third sector organisations, this was widely circulated through Elected Members, on all Angus

Council Communications platforms,	and sent to all groups as	nd organisations that have been
officers in discussions with officers.		

Other (general information as appropriate).

# Step 6: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? **No** 

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

**Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups?** Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected. Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why. See Table below:

Project	Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation
Kirrie Connections New Community Hall	Positive, this initiative will be open to all ages	Positive, Kirrie Connections will be accessible to all, and will be inclusive to all community activity	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Union Park Community Sports Hub	Positive, this initiative will be open to all ages	Positive, Union Park Community Hub will be accessible to all, and will be inclusive to all community activity	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Preservation of Iconic Community Building in Carnoustie – Panmure Centre	Positive, this initiative will be open to all ages	Positive, the Panmure Centre is accessible to all.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Replacement Roof Coverings at Arbroath Community Centre	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Signal Space Community Garden & Courtyard Café	Positive, this initiative will be open to all ages	Positive, the Signal Space is accessible to all, and will be inclusive to all community activity	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral

#### Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

Each applicant has included detailed information in their PBIP application.

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?

No Negative impacts have been identified.

Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.

No negative impacts have been identified

Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?

Elements of the PBIP has been developed to include the reduction of inequality, all projects are inclusive and many involve or will benefit the wider community including all Protected Characteristic Groups.

Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?

In future years we could consider adding an additional criteria to the fund.

## Step 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?

Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.

Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings? Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from Covid-19.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.

**Low and/or No Wealth** (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.

#### **Impact**

**Material Deprivation** (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

#### **Impact**

**Area Deprivation** (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport).

#### **Impact**

**Socio-economic Background** i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

#### **Impact**

Other - please indicate

Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socioeconomic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.

Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?

A condition will be added to the Grant award letter

Within the Communities portal on Angus Council's website.

Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?

**Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation.** Please state name, post, and date for each:

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Approved by: Alison Smith, Director Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth, 04/09/2023

NB. There are several worked examples of separate EIA and FSD Assessments in the Guidance which may be of use to you.

Group Name	Project Name	Details	Area	Project Assessment Total (max 240)	PBIP Amount Requested £	Recommended for Approval £	Officer/IV Panel Decision
Kirrie Connections	Kirrie Connections New Community Hall	New Purpose Built Building	Kirriemuir	166	300,000	300,000	Recommend approval
Union Park Community Sports Hub	Union Park Community Sports Hub	New Bespoke Sports Hub	Montrose	163	50,000	50,000	Recommend approval
ANGUSAlive	Signal Space Community Garden and Courtyard Café	Development of Garden & Courtyard Café	Arbroath	151	235,000		Recommend approval of £143,540 but from the UKSPF
Carnoustie & Monifieth Men's Shed	Preservation of Iconic Community Building in Carnoustie : Panmure Centre	Stage 1 Roof Repairs to Panmure Centre	Carnoustie	150	55,834	27,000	Recommend approval in part due to potential other sources of funding for the project
Angus Council	Replacement Roof Coverings at Arbroath Community Centre	Replacement Roof Coverings at Arbroath Community Centre	Arbroath	144	443,000	243,000	Recommend approval of £243,000 form PBIF and £200,000 from UKSPF
APPROVAL TOTALS					1,083,834	763,540	
Caledonian Railway Brechin Ltd	Brechin Station Footbridge and Access Improvement		Brechin	174	108,500	0	Recommend refusal due to other potential sources of funding
Brechin City Hall Users Group (BCHug)	Brechin City Hall - Let there be Sunshine	Installation of Solar Panels	Brechin	160	60,250	0	Recommend refusal due to other potential sources of funding
Brechin Community Football Trust	The Glebe		Brechin	152	51,944	0	Recommend refusal due to other potential sources of funding
The Montrose Playhouse	The Playhouse Community Kitchen		Montrose	134	51,000	0	Recommend refusal due to other potential sources of funding
Dundee & Angus College	Animals, Land and Environment – Centre of Excellence	Upgrading of Current Facilities	Arbroath	101	50,000	0	Recommend refusal

ANGUSAlive	Arbroath High Street Regeneration Project	Arbroath	94	80,000	0	Recommend refusal
Angus Council	Broomfield Road, Montrose	Montrose	65	108,000	0	Recommend refusal
Angus Council	Arbroath - A Place for Everyone	Arbroath	48	195,000	0	Recommend refusal

#### **SG Place Based Investment Programme (Angus)**

## **Summary and Recommendations Report**

Project Name:	Kirrie Connections New Community Hall
Project Applicant:	Kirrie Connections
Location:	Kirriemuir
Funding Request (£)	£300,000

**Brief Project Description:** The proposed project involves the construction of a new extension to an existing community dementia hub. Kirrie Connections is an award-winning dementia charity that is leading nationally in Scotland around innovative community-based support for families affected by dementia. The building is also used by many community groups in Kirriemuir and is a hub of activity day and night.

The charity purchased and refurbished a building at the start of 2021. The site has a significant amount of exterior land, and the plan has always been to extend the current building to create more space and increase capacity. The group have been at capacity in the building since the middle of 2022, and the new extension is now pivotal to grow the support on what they can offer locally. The extension will also provide a much-needed community space, which will be available to hire by other groups and organisations at evenings and weekends. Kirrie Connections has already seen the demand for this kind of space, as the existing building has regular hires from Kirriemuir Community Council; Sustainable Kirriemuir; Kirrie Crafters; and surgeries by local Councillors, MPs and MSPs

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	48
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	31
Sustainability of project	10	40	30
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	35
Leverage	5	20	16
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	6
Total	60	240	166

## 1. General Comments:

This project will support, not only dementia patients, but will benefit all community groups in Kirriemuir by offering additional community space for activities which will benefit the community.

## 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

In any place, strong community hubs play a crucial role in fostering local development, collaboration, and empowerment. Kirrie Connections will be one of the community spaces in Kirriemuir that will offer a range of activities.

#### 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

This project has all permissions in place, including all building designs and planning permissions. The award will be conditional on receiving their additional funding, of which they have other funding applications pending. This award should give additional merit to the other funding applications.

# 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

This project scored low for Net Zero due to there being little information included within the application.

## 5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

	Approve		Decline	Place on	
Approve	with	X		Reserve	
	conditions			list	

#### Reason for Recommendation:

Approve in full with the condition that the funding package is secured.

This project will support the community of Kirriemuir with additional required community space and will benefit will deliver extended key dementia support for the residents of Angus. It meets the overall fund criteria of: Inclusive Growth and Local Resilience. The award will be conditional and subject to the organisation securing the full funding package.

Project Name:	Union Park Community Sports Hub
Project Applicant:	Union Park Community Sports Hub
Location:	Montrose
Funding Request (£)	£50,000

**Brief Project Description:** The application is for a funding gap for a new building at Union Park. The building will extend the use for the Rugby Club and will also allow other organisations to use the space.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	33
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	45
Sustainability of project	10	40	29
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	24
Leverage	5	20	19
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	13
Total	60	240	163

1. **General Comments:** This project scored high in all categories and will be a benefit to the wider community. The club currently do a lot of work to encourage children and adults to the facilities. The club is inclusive and has and payment plan options to ensure it is affordable for all. The club is a few minutes from the town centre and creates high levels of footfall in and out the club.

#### 2. Place-based Rationale for support

This new hub will provide additional benefits for the community, the club will welcome other clubs to use the space and has an inclusive open-door policy for the community to use the space. The club will have a quiet room included and has a number of volunteers that work to support the community. Most have completed SAMH and CALMS training and contribute to the health and well-being of the area.

#### 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The project has the remainder of its funding in place and is ready to deliver. Planning permission is granted and this successful application will allow the build to commence.

## 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The new build will be built with LED plus and insulated, it will be operated by a heat pump and will have solar panels installed.

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

		Approve	Decline	Place on	
Approve	X	with		Reserve	
		conditions		list	

# **Reason for Recommendation:**

Approve in full

The project scores high in all areas, will be of community benefit a few minutes' walk from the town centre and will pull in footfall to the area. It meets the overall criteria of: Inclusive Growth; Local Resilience, and Community Wealth Building and will contribute towards net-zero carbon Scotland.

Project Name:	Signal Space Community Garden & Courtyard Cafe
Project Applicant:	ANGUSAlive
Location:	Arbroath
Funding Request (£)	£235,000

# **Brief Project Description:**

Signal Space community garden and courtyard is a project that developed through a successful application to the National Lottery Community Fund Steps to Sustainability initiative in January 2020.

ANGUSalive identified, through visitor feedback and an appraisal, by Studioarc Museum Consultants, that Signal Tower Museum has the potential to become the 'must see' visitor experience in Arbroath and achieve higher levels of footfall to the Arbroath Harbour area which falls within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Identifying the need for community partnership and the incredible opportunity to use the design process for wellbeing ANGUSalive partnered with Reach Across, a registered charity located near the Signal Tower Museum who provide help and support for those experiencing mental health issues. This collaboration consisted of designer led workshops which allowed the individuals from the community to become designers through coaching and support of the group meetings. The designs focus on creating a unique community garden and courtyard café activity space at Signal Tower Museum offering the opportunity for the outdoor space to tell the story of the building and its place in the maritime history of Arbroath.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	39
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	47
Sustainability of project	10	40	24
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	25
Leverage	5	20	10
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	6
Total	60	240	151

**General Comments** The project scored fairly high in most of the criteria and would see the delivery of a project which enhances the visitor experience at the Signal Tower museum and link to wider initiatives in this area.

However the development of the community garden also aligns with the criteria of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). In discussion with the applicant, they identified that a smaller award would allow this element to be delivered with them contributing the balance.

# 1. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	Approve with	x	Decline	Place on Reserve	
	conditions			list	

#### Reason for Recommendation:

It is recommended that this project is funded to a lesser amount of £143,540 from Intervention S4 of the UKSPF given the deliverability of the project and contribution to design and management of the built environment with no award from PBIF.

Project Name:	Preservation of Iconic Community Building in Carnoustie :
	Panmure Centre
Project Applicant:	Carnoustie & Monifieth Mens Shed
Location:	Carnoustie
Funding Request (£)	£55,834 (recommended award £27,000)

## **Brief Project Description:**

This application is for funds to repair and upgrade the historic Panmure Centre in Carnoustie. This is the first stage in the redevelopment of the building. The application also looks for funding for solar panels.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	51
Sustainability of project	10	40	28
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	18
Leverage	5	20	1
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	15
Total	60	240	150

#### 1. General Comments

This first stage of making the building wind and watertight will support the reduction of soaring energy costs for the group. Further support is required with the group to look at the redevelopment of the building.

## 2. Place-based Rationale for support

This is a phase of a larger potential project for the Panmure Centre. There are aspirations to look at the development of the building, however in the first instance the key is to keep bills low to ensure the building is suitable for a mix of groups to use the property.

#### 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The project is ready to deliver and can be started if successful in October. With a five-week turnaround the building will be wind and watertight for winter.

## 4. Impact/Net Zero target

The element of putting on solar panels supports net zero targets

# 5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	х	Approve with	Decline	Place on Reserve	
		conditions		list	

**Reason for Recommendation**: The solar panel element of the project has the potential to fit another fund. Therefore, the recommendation is that this project is part funded to ensure the building is wind and waterproof.

Project Name:	Replacement Roof Coverings at Arbroath Community Centre
Project Applicant:	Angus Council
Location:	Arbroath
Funding Request (£)	443,000

**Brief Project Description:** This application is to fund the replacement of the Arbroath Community Centre roof and look to lower the roof to make it more energy efficient. This is a proactive measure to ensure, should a community group take over the building, that the building is wind and water-tight.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	30
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	15	60	45
Sustainability of project	10	40	22
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	25
Leverage	5	20	13
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	9
Total	60	240	144

#### 1. General Comments

A community feasibility study is being carried out to determine uses for the property and interest from a range of community groups to actively use the facility. Should the building end on the open market, the upgrade to the roof will ensure the building is in a sellable state. The aim of this proactive measure is to ensure that we can find an end-use for the property and that it does not end up vacant and derelict, causing issues in years to come.

#### 2. Place-based Rationale for support

Although there are other community facilities in Arbroath the gap seems to be around larger indoor sports and activities. The building has a significant level of water ingress, and a new roof will be required. Fixing this element will potentially lead to the building being occupied which will provide a hub of activity bringing footfall into the area and due to the natural use of the building will most likely lead to supporting health and wellbeing and will hopefully be a proactive measure in ensuring we are not left with a vacant and derelict property.

## 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The project requires a drone survey to assess the full damage. Once results are back the project can be delivered.

## 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

When fixing the roof, an opportunity would be taken to insulate the roof making the building more energy efficient and reducing fuel costs for any group utilising the building, helping meet net zero targets.

# 5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	x	Approve with	Decline	Place on Reserve	
		conditions		list	

#### Reason for Recommendation:

It is recommended that £243,000 be funded from the Place Based Investment fund and an award of £200,000 from Intervention S1 of the UKSPF given the deliverability of the project and contribution to regeneration.

Project Name:	Brechin Station Footbridge and Access Improvement
Project Applicant:	Caledonian Railway Brechin Ltd
Location:	Brechin
Funding Request (£)	108,500

1. **Brief Project Description:** This project will see the modification and construction of a 'new' footbridge that will allow access to wheelchair and wheelers. It will be compliant between the timber yard access and the station platform providing safe direct access to the station.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	47
Sustainability of project	15	40	33
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	30
Leverage	5	20	15
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	12
Total	60	240	174

**1. General Comments:** This would allow larger volumes of visitors access directly to the Caledonian Railway

# 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

The application demonstrates the benefit to the local community group and explains how the creation of this town centre asset will add value.

## 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The bridge has already been purchased and is ready to be modified. No permissions are required. A robust project plan with contingencies has been developed to include a risk assessment. All engineering designs are in place.

## 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

Active Travel assessments of the project identify improvements to health, journey quality and mode shift.

## 5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

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**Reason for Recommendation:** Whilst this project scored high, it is not recommended for funding as there are more appropriate sources of funding available and may be considered as part of a bid for Levelling Up.

Project Name:	Brechin City Hall - Let there be Sunshine
Project Applicant:	Brechin City Hall Users Group (BCHug)
Location:	Brechin
Funding Request (£)	60,250

**Brief Project Description:** This project will see the Installation of solar panels on the south-facing roofs of both halls. These roofs are not visible from the street and therefore have no impact on the stature of this ancient, listed building. Future hire and usage costs would be contained, benefitting all hall users be they local groups or individuals as the charges faced would be sustained at an affordable level.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	31
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	38
Sustainability of project	15	40	35
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	29
Leverage	5	20	8
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	19
Total	60	240	160

- **1. General Comments:** This project will support the reduction of energy bills, However, there are potentially better funding sources for this fund.
- 2. Place-based Rationale for support:
- 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project
- 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

This 'green' project will support the net zero targets

5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

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**Reason for Recommendation:** Whilst this project scored fairly high for the PBIB alternative sources of funding are likely to provide a more suitable fit for this type of project.

Project Name:	The Glebe
Project Applicant:	Brechin Community Football Trust
Location:	Brechin
Funding Request (£)	51,944

**Brief Project Description:** Brechin Community Football Trust are working in partnership with Brechin City Football Club to develop Glebe Park, the home of Brechin City, into a community hub that will benefit the Brechin community. The Trust are taking on a long-term lease, 25 years, and will develop the area to include a new 3G sports pitch (subject to separate funding bids to the Scottish Football Association), and the development of buildings inside Glebe Park to accommodate wider community activity which this bid focuses on. The funding is sought for a new toilet block, security, CCTV, smartboards and teaching aids.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	34
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	48
Sustainability of project	15	40	26
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	27
Leverage	5	20	13
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	4
Total	60	240	152

#### 1. General Comments:

The panel felt this was a good community project. However, elements of the project are a better fit with other funds.

#### 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

There is no doubt of the benefit this project will bring for the community of Brechin. The project will work with partners including Angus Council Vibrant Communities Team, the local Health Group, and also wider links to Brechin High School for offsite based projects and links with Dundee and Angus College to create new learning opportunities locally.

#### 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

Due to the elements in the application that the funding is for this project is ready to be delivered

#### 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There has been an impact on the local community identified: The project will have a strong focus on deprived young people and families using sport, technology and activities that provide positive outcomes. There will be a benefit in less travel due to more activities on offer.

## 6. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	x	Place on Reserve list	
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Reason for Recommendation: This project has been declined due to the elements of the project being applied for. Community Development Officers will work with Brechin Community Football Trust to explore other funding that betters fit the project.

Project Name:	The Playhouse Community Kitchen
Project Applicant:	The Montrose Playhouse
Location:	Montrose
Funding Request (£)	51,000

**Brief Project Description:** The Playhouse Community Kitchen will be a social enterprise café giving opportunities to adults (16+) excluded from work opportunities for various reasons; learning disabilities, homelessness, criminal records or those who have struggled with substance abuse and mental health barriers. We will offer up our kitchen and cafe space to local groups, such as Angus Council Vibrant Communities Team, AHSCP, Penumbra, D&A College and Remploy who already help people who find it difficult to find suitable training opportunities or work placements.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	37
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	34
Sustainability of project	15	40	27
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	25
Leverage	5	20	5
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	6
Total	60	240	134

#### 1. General Comments:

This project has scored lower in most areas and may be suited better to funding around food insecurity, Community Development Officers can work with the group to explore the project and funding sources further.

## 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

There are gaps in the market and a requirement for this type of project, however the project is better aligned to the criteria of other funds.

# 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

Due to the nature of the project it is ready to be delivered and no permissions are required.

# 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

The project scored low in this particular area

# 5. Recommendation to Angus Council Communities Committee:

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Reason for Recommendation: This project is not recommended for funding. However, Community					

**Reason for Recommendation:** This project is not recommended for funding. However, Community Development Officers will work with the Montrose Playhouse to source funding for this project.

Project Name:	Animals, Land and Environment – Centre of Excellence
Project Applicant:	Dundee & Angus College
Location:	Arbroath
Funding Request (£)	50,000

**Brief Project Description:** To support the modernisation and creation of innovative learning spaces to form a centre of excellence for land-based activities relating to Animals, Land and Environment. This project will see a complete refurbishment and refit of existing space within the Construction Skills Workshops to create a realistic veterinary practice work environment, to include a simulated veterinary theatre and reception.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	19
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2022)	10	60	52
Sustainability of project	15	40	16
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	9
Leverage	5	20	1
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	4
Total	60	240	101

#### 1. General Comments:

This project scored low against most criteria.

# 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

Although increasing the opportunity for training within the local area is a benefit, this project does not meet the transformational nature of the fund.

# 3. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The project is deliverable within the timescales of the fund

# 4. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There is no evidence of carbon reduction provided in the application

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	x	Place on Reserve list	
Reason for Recommendation: This project is not recommended for funding due to a poor fit with criteria.					r fit with

Project Name:	Arbroath High Street Regeneration Project		
Project Applicant:	ANGUSAlive		
Location:	Arbroath		
Funding Request (£)	80,000		

Brief Project Description: The Arbroath High Street Regeneration Project aims to fund the purchase of an empty plot of land located at 60-62 High Street, Arbroath with the view to the building of a brand-new community hub for Arbroath that will connect to our existing site at The Webster Memorial Theatre. The project is initiated by ANGUSalive, the culture, sport, and leisure trust for the county of Angus. The proposed development will create a brand-new cultural hub that enhances services for the community and visitors alike, while also offering potential commercial opportunities. The project's primary goal is to purchase the land in the first instance then take the opportunity to identify the opportunities that any new building could create. It would aim to transform an area of Arbroath, surrounded by community deprivation with many empty retail units into a vibrant and inclusive space that fosters a sense of belonging and pride for the community.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	27
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	37
Sustainability of project	15	40	18
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	9
Leverage	5	20	1
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	2
Total	60	240	94

#### 1. General Comments:

Without a feasibility study or designs it is difficult to assess the benefits of this project

# 2. Place-based Rationale for support:

While the aspiration to advance strong governance and project management is evident, the business case appears to be at an early stage of development. The aspiration is welcome, but the evidence of need is limited within the information provided

## 2. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

Conclusion of the purchase of the site may be concluded within the timescales of the fund, however any outcomes that benefit the town centre will be longer term

## 3. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There is no evidence of Net Zero Targets being met due to the early stage of the project

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	x	Place on Reserve list		
Reason for Recommendation: It is recommended that this project is not funded due to a poor fit with the criteria.						

Project Name:	Broomfield Road, Montrose		
Project Applicant:	Angus Council		
Location:	Montrose		
Funding Request (£)	108,000		

**Brief Project Description:** Unit 2 Broomfield Road forms part of a terrace of Grade A listed former aircraft hangers located adjacent the former Montrose Airfield. Surrounding uses including offices, residential, workshops, light industrial units, and the Montrose Air Museum. This former hanger has been vacant for in excess of 24 months and has been falling into a state of disrepair thus would benefit from refurbishment and modern cost-effective heating and services bringing it into a habitable condition. This would not only maintain the fabric of this important historic building but also have a transformative impact on the physical location and creating employment generating opportunities. This refurbished building in Montrose could create employment to service the offshore wind farms by supporting the local supply chain thus reducing carbon emissions. This together with tourism related and community interest in the space already would mean the building is re- occupied with green credentials, provides new jobs supporting the wider community and benefit the local economy.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	13
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	19
Sustainability of project	15	40	14
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	14
Leverage	5	20	0
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	5
Total	60	240	65

#### 5. General Comments:

This project scored low in all categories

#### 6. Place-based Rationale for support:

Although the outcomes are described, there is little evidence in the application to support place based needs in relation to place principles

## 7. Deliverability/Sustainability of project

The timescales for delivering this project within the timescales is quite optimistic

# 8. Impact/Net Zero Targets

There is little evidence in the application to what Net Zero Targets could be met

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	x	Place on Reserve list		
Reason for Recommendation: It is recommended that this project is not funded due to a poor fit						
with the crit	eria.					

Project Name:	Arbroath - A PI	Arbroath - A Place for Everyone			
Project Applicant:	Angus Council	Angus Council			
Location:	Arbroath				
Funding Request (£)	195,000	Total Project Value (£)	£		

Brief Project Description: In July 2019, the Scottish Government announced that funding under the Sustrans Places for Everyone programme had been awarded to Angus Council to develop the detailed design phase in conjunction with local community interests and Sustrans, and to support future development. The Arbroath project is amongst the most ambitious projects being funded by the Places for Everyone programme, with Arbroath the first of Scotland's towns to receive the highest level of funding available through the scheme. As well as making Arbroath more accessible for everyone by improving pedestrian, wheeling and cycling provision, it will also make better use of green spaces and developing path networks. When completed, Arbroath, A Place for Everyone will provide an exemplary walking, wheeling and cycling route, accessible to all, connecting destinations throughout Arbroath and improving accessibility in the town by restoring those areas and facilities disconnected by the current road, creating a seafront people will increasingly want to use. The project will see key areas along the length of the route redesigned to create community gathering spaces from areas that lie currently unused, creating a positive transformational impact in both the location and in the town centre. The main aims of redesigning the A92 are to meet Net Zero targets and encourage active travel. Achieving this will increase community benefit by having outdoor spaces to enjoy.

Programme Criteria	Max. Score Per Assessor	Max. Score Combined	Total Officer Panel Score
Impact (leading to transformational change)	15	60	10
Deliverability within timescales (31 March 2024)	10	60	19
Sustainability of project	15	40	6
Place-based evidence of need	10	40	8
Leverage	5	20	4
Carbon Reduction (Towards Net Zero)	5	20	1
Total	60	240	48

#### 10.General Comments:

The overall project – A place for everyone is a great example of a place making project. The application is for additional elements of artwork and a garden space. Due to uncertainties of funding for the overall project, there is time in future years for the project to be funded from the PBIP.

#### 11. Place-based Rationale for support:

This project scored low in this particular area, due to the elements of the project being applied for.

## 12.Deliverability/Sustainability of project

This project is still finalising the funding package and timescales are not yet clear.

#### 13. Impact/Net Zero Targets

For the projects described and applied for, there is no evidence for direct carbon reduction despite the unspecified carbon reduction measurements associated with the wider project.

Approve	Approve with conditions	Decline	x	Place on Reserve list		
<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b> It is recommended that this project is not funded due to a poor fit with criteria						